

## **Fairfax County Student Human Rights Commission Bylaws**

### **Establishment**

There is hereby created and established an entity known as the Fairfax County Student Human Rights Commission (herein referred to as student commission). The purpose of the student commission is to promote dialogues on diversity among youth, to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of differences, to create exposure to human and civil rights laws and to encourage leadership and active participation in government.

### **Advisory board**

There is hereby established a student commission advisory board composed of the Director of the Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs (OHREP), the outreach coordinator, an additional OHREP staff member as designated by the director, and a faculty advisor designated by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). The Human Rights Commission (HRC) has the option of appointing at least one commissioner to the advisory board if they so chose.

### **Membership and Appointment**

The student commission will consist of at least one member from each of the County's public high schools in a manner designated by FCPS.

Designees shall consist of a diverse group of students of various racial, religious, and national origin backgrounds. To facilitate continuity within the commission, it is strongly recommended that at least some of the students consist of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders.

### **Organization of the student commission**

The student commission shall meet and organize by electing a chair, a vice chair a secretary, and a historian. The student commission may adopt rules of procedure to govern the conduct of its business which may include provisions for regular or special meetings, voting procedures, amendment of its by-laws or rules, minutes of meetings, or any other procedural matters the commission deems necessary to regulate for the conduct of its business.

The student commission shall meet at least bimonthly (5 times during the scholastic calendar year) and when necessary to conduct business and shall adopt, by majority rule, such rules as it shall deem expedient to conduct business. Such rules shall be adopted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

### **Organization of the student commission advisory board**

The student commission advisory board shall meet as often as set forth by the Director of OHREP. The members shall adopt, by majority rule, such rules as it

shall deem expedient to conduct business. Such rules shall be adopted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

### **Functions and duties of the student commission**

The Functions and duties of the student commission shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Develop a mission statement for the student commission;
- To recommend, assist and create activities and programs for Fairfax County youth geared at fostering diversity and promoting the mission of the student commission.
- To produce and present such reports as may be necessary to support its mission.
- To hold such meetings as the student commission may deem necessary or proper to assist in carrying out its functions however, meetings shall be held on at least a bimonthly basis (at least 5 times during the scholastic calendar year).
- To perform such other duties as may be assigned to it from time to time by the OHREP or the HRC.

### **Functions and duties of the student commission advisory board**

- To serve as advisors for the student commission.
- To assist the student commission in developing and putting on its program and activity offerings and to secure funding.